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1. SUMMARY: NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
AFRICAN TRIP AND RELATED EVENTS, FEB. 8. END SUMMARY

2. WASHINGTON POST'S FEB. 8 STORY DATELINED DAR ES SALAAM
BY ROBIN WRIGHT HEADLINED QUOTE BLACK LEADERS GIVE YOUNG
HIGH MARKS UNQUOTE. LEAD PARA AND EXCERPTS FOLLOW: QUOTE
AND INNER QUOTE I THINK ANDY YOUNG IS DIFFERENT. IT'S
SURPRISING THAT HE ISN'T PUSHING SOME LINE. IT'S SO
REFRESHING IT ALMOST MAKES YOU SUSPICIOUS END INNER QUOTE,
SAID A YOUNG AFRICAN POLITICIAN...THE QUESTION LEFT
IN THE MINDS OF MANY BLACKS YOUNG MET WITH WAS HOW IMPOR-
TANT HE WILL BE. A SOMALI OFFICIAL REFLECTED THE SUSPICION
WITH WHICH AFRICANS VIEW THE UNITED STATES AFTER MORE
THAN A DECADE OF NEGLECT: INNER QUOTE I HOPE HE ISN'T
BEING USED. WE WON'T BE TRICKED BY ONE BLACK FACE. UNQUOTE
THE YOUNG AFRICAN POLITICIAN WHO FOUND YOUNG DIFFERENT
SAID THAT MOST AMERICANS QUOTE HEAR US OUT... BUT THEN
IT DOESN'T SEEM TO MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE HOW WE FEEL OR
WHAT WE SAY. ONE OF THE BIGGEST COMPLAINTS WE'VE HAD
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ABOUT THE AMERICANS IS THAT THEY ALWAYS THINK THEY'RE
RIGHT, EVEN IF IT'S OUR AFFAIR. END INNER QUOTE. HIS
REMARKS REFLECTED THE GENERAL RECEPTION YOUNG
HAS RECEIVED ON HIS AFRICAN TOUR... APPARENTLY YOUNG
AND THE FIVE PRESIDENTS HE TALKED WITH... DID NOT COME
TO ANY BASIC AGREEMENTS. THE INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS,
NONE MORE THAN AN HOUR LONG, PROVIDED A BASIS FOR

FUTURE TALKS, BUT DID NOT RESULT IN ANY NEW STRATEGY FORMULATION. A YOUNG AIDE CONTENDED THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE SESSIONS -- DESPITE THE VIEWS OF MANY OBSERVERS THAT YOUNG'S RECEPTION BY AFRICANS WAS LESS THAN CALLED FOR BY INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL UNQUOTE.

WASHINGTON POST ALSO CARRIED A SHORT REUTERS STORY UNDER HEADLINE QUOTE YOUNG SAYS U.S. WILL NOT HELP OUST VORSTER, SMITH UNQUOTE. AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS REPORTED AT NAIROBI AIRPORT AS SAYING QUOTE ANY SOLUTION HAS TO BE WORKED OUT WITH THE PEOPLE IN POWER. I DO NOT SEE THE U.S. ROLE AS UPSETTING ANYONE IN POWER, BE THAT SMITH IN RHODESIA OR VORSTER IN SOUTH AFRICA UNQUOTE.

3. NEW YORK TIMES ON FEB. 8 CARRIED SHORT STORY FROM LAGOS BY JOHN DARTON HEADLINED QUOTE YOUNG WILL CONFER WITH NIGERIANS ON STRAIN IN TIES UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO DARTON, QUOTE AT THE VERY LEAST, THE NIGERIANS ARE EXPECTED TO INSIST THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION MAKE GOOD ON A PROMISE TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT...THEY ARE ALSO LIKELY TO DEMAND THAT WASHINGTON IMPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA UNQUOTE.

4. BUSINESS WEEK FEB. 14 ISSUE SAID QUOTE AMERICAN COMPANIES, YOUNG TOLD BUSINESS WEEK, SHOULD EDUCATE EVERY PERSON WORKING FOR THEM SO THAT AFRICANS COULD EVENTUALLY RUN THE BUSINESSES. IT IS A SORT OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY UNQUOTE.
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5. NEW YORK POST FEB. 8 COMMENTARY COLUMN BY RAYMOND COFFEY SAID QUOTE NOW OFF IN AFRICA ON HIS FIRST BIG MISSION FOR CARTER, YOUNG HAS ALREADY BEEN REPUDIATED BY THE STATE DEPT. NO FEWER THAN THREE TIMES ON STATEMENTS HE HAS MADE ON VIETNAM. RHODESIA AND THE CUBAN ARMY'S PRESENCE IN ANGOLA. FIRST THE STATE DEPT. KNOCKED DOWN YOUNG'S CALL FOR EARLY U.N. MEMBERSHIP FOR VIETNAM, THEN IT DESCRIBED AS INNER QUOTE NOT QUITE THAT SIMPLE UNQUOTE HIS VIEW THAT THE WHITE MINORITY REGIME IN RHODESIA WOULD SIMPLY HAVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH BLACK MAJORITY LEADERS IF DIRECTED TO DO SO BY SOUTH AFRICA. MOST JOLTING THOUGH WAS YOUNG'S ASSERTION THAT QUOTE THERE'S A CERTAIN SENSE IN WHICH THE CUBANS BRING A CERTAIN STABILITY AND ORDER -- TO ANGOLA FOR INSTANCE UNQUOTE AND HIS OBSERVATION THAT THE CUBAN TROOPS WERE THERE BY QUOTE INVITATION. UNQUOTE. THE CUBANS WERE SENT TO ANGOLA TO SUPPORT THE PRESENT MARXIST-ORIENTED REGIME IN ITS CIVIL WAR WITH WESTERN-SUPPORTED

FACTIONS IN THAT NEWLY LIBERATED FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY--AND THE CUBAN PRESENCE WAS SEEN BY FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AS A CASE OF SOVIET QUOTE ADVENTURISM. UNQUOTE ANYWAY, THE STATE DEPT. WOUND UP, AFTER SOME CONFUSION AND VAGUENESS, WITH A FLAT QUOTE NO UNQUOTE TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER VANCE AGREES WITH YOUNG THAT THE CUBAN TROOPS HELPING ONE GANG OF ANGOLANS WIPE OUT OTHERS WERE A FORCE FOR QUOTE STABILITY UNQUOTE. THIS SOMEWHAT JITTERY START IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS GAME MAY BE PUT DOWN TO EARLY-SEASON INEXPERIENCE AND LACK OF COORDINATION. UNQUOTE.

6. ABC'S ISSUES AND ANSWERS PROGRAM HAS RENEWED ITS INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO BE A GUEST ON SUNDAY, FEB. 13, OR SUNDAY, FEB. 20.
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